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SUMMARY. MISSION FORMALLH INTRODUCED DPC COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON SPAIN AT DRC DRAFTING SESSION MAY 21. ALLIED REACTION WAS

UNENTHUSIASTIC IN THE EXTREEME. US TEXT (PARA ONE, REF A) WILL APPERA IN NEXT DRAFT IN BRACKETS. END SUMMARY.

1. ACTING ON REF A INSTRUCTIONS, US DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE REP (DR. LEGERE) FORMALLY INTRODUCED REF A PARA ONE LANGUAGE INTO DPC CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE AT DRAFTING SESSION MAY 21. US REP POINTED OUT CONSIDERATIONS ON WHICH US BASED DESIRE FOR COMMUNIQUE TREATMENT OF SPAIN'S IMPORTANCE IN SUPPORT OF NATO DEFENSE, AND NOTED DPC CONTEXT OF STATEMENT. DENMARK REP (ROSENTHAL) STATED THAT HE WAS

WITHOUT DEFINITE INSTRUCTIONS, BUT VIEWED IDEA "WITH CONCERN AND RELUCTANCE". HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD INSIST ON BRACKETS AROUND US TEXT. NETHERLANDS REP (CARSTEN) STATED THAT IT IS "ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCEPT THE US TEXT," ADDING THAT THE MOST NETHERLANDS COULD ACCEPT, IF ANYTHING, WAS A FACTUAL STATEMENT THAT SECRETARY SCHLESINGER HAD BROUGHT UP THE MATTER. HE FURTHER STATED THAT HE DID NOT DESIRE TO SEE US TEXT IN NEXT COMMUNIQUE DRAFT, EVEN IN BRACKETS. BELGIAN REP (BURNIE) AGREED. CHAIRMAN (ASYG HUMPHREYS) REMINDED NETHERLANDS AND BELGIAN REPS OF "RULES OF THE GAME," STATING THAT US WAS AT LEAST ENTITLED TO A BRACKETED PARAGRAPH, AND SUGGESTED PENULTIMATE PARAGRAPH, AS APPROPRIATE POSITION FOR US TEXT. UK REP (MACDONALD) STATED THAT LONDON COULD NOT ACCEPT MORE THAN A SIMPLE FACTUAL STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT DR. SCHLESINGER SPOKE ABOUT THE SUBJECT. CANADA REP (SHEFFIELD) STATED THAT CANADA DOES NOT FAVOR ANY MENTION OF SPAIN IN THE COMMUNIQUE "AS A MATTER OF POLITICAL PRINCIPLE". ITALY REP (CIARRAPICO) STATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES "HAVE LOTS OF DIFFICULTY" WITH A MENTION OF SPANISH-US RELATIONSHIP. FRG, PORTUGAL AND TURKEY REPS REMAINED SILENT. NORWAY REP WAS ABSENT. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT US TEXT WILL APPEAR, IN BRACKETS, IN NEXT DRAFT.

2. US REP DID NOT INTRODUCE FALL-BACK LANGUAGE PARA 3 REF A, SINCE IT WAS CLEAR IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY BRACKETED, THUS WOULD HAVE LEFT SECRETARY LESS MANEUVERING ROOM AT MINISTERIAL MEETING.
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